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FIRE COMMISSIONER: FATAL MACON COUNTY HOUSE FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens has ruled a Monday afternoon house fire that claimed the life of Macon County woman accidental.

The fire, which occurred around 5:45 p.m., at 990 Rueben Odom Road in Ideal, Ga., killed Mertis Virginia Jones, 73. Jones was home alone at the time of the fire.

"Investigators with my office have determined that the cause of the fire was the result of unattended cooking," Hudgens said. "The home was destroyed by the blaze."

Commissioner Hudgens' Fire Investigation Unit was assisting by the Ideal Fire Department and the Macon County Fire Department.

In 2015, fire has claimed the lives of seven Georgians.